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SUPPOSE that it is right to leave Pettlkins home with Mary Doolin," said Marabel, pluning her hat on before the "There is not room for her, of course. But to leave chlidren with servants is not, as a rule, judicious," "What's judishes?" cried Pettikins, drawing her curly head in the window. "Why isn't there room this evenin' for

me to drive too? Why can't I go?" "Gracious, I forgot she was there!" said Marabel. "There are occasions when absence of mind is precious," remarked Miss

Reed. Pettikins eyed her sister's friend speculatively. She adored Miss Reed because it appeared to Pettikins that the young lady talked as people do in

"Now, listen to me," broke in Marael. "We are going to the station to meet Uncle George. You must stay right here with Mary Doolin. Only be sure to put your best white dress on." Marabel ran downstairs, and Petti-

kins, following, heard Miss Reed say: "You might as well, Marabel, or she'll find it out herself after one of her fits of silence. I never came across so inquiring a mind. She's an embryo Co-

"Embrolumbus," repeated Pettikins as the door closed. "Embrolumbus," she said soberly on the way to the kitchen to find Mary Doolin. But Mary Doolin was sitting on a bench outside paring peaches.

"Mary, what's a embrolumbus?" said Pettikins.

"Don't come askin' me no more av thim baythen names!" said Mary Doo-

"I'm wishin' somethin' might happen," said Pettikins soberly, "a bear or soldiers maybe with red coats and brass horns and muffs on their heads, and all fightin' right here in the yard. Then before they shot at, us, Mary Doolin, I'd run out and holler, 'Don't shoot? and they'd stop."

"Did ye iver!" said Mary admiringly as Pettikins' thin little figure and tiny hands struck an attitude. "Oh, the military is just grand! An' wouldn't ye be afeared av the firin', Pettikins?" Pettikins shook her head, standing absorbed in thought.

'Things don't happen 'cept to grown young ladies, do they, Mary?" The shade of wistfulness did not es-

cape the shrewd Irish eyes upon her. "Niver mind. Ye'll soon be a beautiful lady drivin' off to mate yer swateheart"-

"Uncle George," corrected Pettikins. "Av coorse, yer Uncle George. An' ye naden't be wantin' things to happen the like av the 'currence I could tell ye this minit." "What's a 'currence, Mary Doolin?

Please tell me what's a 'currence." "Niver a bit will I, thin! "Twas all in the mornin' paper about a woman down to the Branch. Mis' McCree she was, pore sowl! All through her tinder heart she loses her last rid cint." "Go on, go on, Mary Doolin! Please tell me how she lost her cent through

"Not I, indade! She, thinkin' him a book agint, an' he, wid his little black bag all innocentlike an' knowin' she was alone by herself"-

"An' what was he, Mary Doolinwhat was he?" demanded Pettikins, jumping up and down in her excite-

"A burglar man, sure-a burglar man as burgled ivery cint av her hard airn-



"WHAT'S A EMBROLUMBUS?"

in's, an' Mis' McCree that scared she didn't kape the head av a fish worm on her, but lay there kickin' an' squallin' while he fills his little black bag wid an' there he is now a-burglin' Miss her vallybles an' bows as polite as ye Marrybel's preserves, the owdacious

plaze! Pettikins stood absorbed in the details of Mis' McCree's tragic occurrence. This, indeed, was having something happen with a vengeance. But Pettikins was certain that she would have possessed more power of resist-

ance than Mary Doolin's traditional fish worm. She strolled to the side porch, mentally rehearsing the scene, and sat upon the step under the trumpet vine. Mary Doolin's stout form returned to the kitchen, and Pettikins dreamily watched a big bee darting in and out of a scarlet flower that climb- ℓ1 outside Marabel's summer pantry. The door of this pantry opened on the porch and was ajar, and through the cool gloom of the interior could be seen Marabel's rows of preserve jars. "I wonder what Marabel's going to tell me-or I'll find out for myself," said Pettikins presently, and then her heart stood still, for before her was a man. He was a man with a smiling

ning with his hat. "Well, little lady, so you're alone?" Thus had the burglar discovered the solitude of Mrs. McCree. Pettikins

countenance and, shade of the unfortu-

nate Mrs. McCree, with a black bag!

He surveyed Pettikins and smiled, fan-





"WHICH WAY?" HE SAID.

opened her lips to scream, but they were dry. Her quick, logical mind and vivid imagination jumped to the uttermost conclusion. This, then, was a burglar-nay, no doubt the very burglar man who had reduced the heroine of Mary Doolin's story to the sem-blance of a fish worm. Here was the innocent aspect, the polite subservience, actually the black bag containing the tools of his nefarious craft! Mary Doolin, singing in the

kitchen, was a hundred miles away. "I fancy that your sister has driven to the station," said the burglar and waited, but Pettikins did not speak.

"And suppose you ask me in," he continued, "or, as I am tired and warm, I shall have to go in without an invita-He smiled and actually stepped upon the porch. Pettikins sprang to her

feet, "Which way," he said-"this?" "Yes." breathed Pettikins, with a swift illumination of thought as the burglar stepped within the darkness of the summer pantry. In a second she had slammed and locked the door upon him, drawing from its lock the great key which stayed outside. And then her feet flew to the kitchen.

"Mary Doolin," cried Pettikins, seizing Mary's skirt, "I've got a burglar man! Yes, I have, Mary! He's the one that burgled Mis' McCree of her red cent, for he's got his black bag along and his knives and things in it?"

"Is it off yer head ye are, Pettikins?" cried Mary Doolin. But Pettikins' eyes were great and impressive. "Mary Dbolin, I've locked him in the pantry before he could burgle us like he did Mis' McCree, and

here's the key, and he's makin' a awful "Mother av Moses!" exclaimed Mary Doolin, seizing the key. "If it's the truth ye're tellin' me, what'll become av the pair av us, wid niver a man to hand 'cept one, an' him a thafe an' a robber? Come along, Pettikins, till I listen to him. Sure, I'd rather be out av the house than in it this minit before he crapes out the pantry chimbly! It's the brave child ye are, Pettikins, to arrist a thafe, but the saints come down an' help us if he gets out

av there!" Mary Doolin cautiously approached the summer pantry armed with a shovel. Strange sounds were issuing therefrom. Calls, expostulations and raps followed in quick succession, while Mary crouched upon the grass, muttering to the saints, and Pettikins stood by, thrilled with the solemn enjoyment of such excitement.

When the yellow cart rolled in the gate, with Marabel driving and Miss Reed chatting to Uncle George, their consternation may be imagined. A volley of explanations met them, accentuated by the shovel, which Mary Doolin waved alternately from Pettikins to the pantry. Pettikins meanwhile stood by drinking in the elaborated details with grave delight.

"An' the dirty thafe, wid his pistols in his bag, ready to burgle us out av the house, a-bowin' an' scrapin' an' thinkin' to take her in! Not she, indade! Seein' I'd tould her about pore Mis' McCree, she says, 'Walk in, sir,' swate as honey, says she, an' in he walks to Miss Marrybel's pantry, an' she up an' shlams the door on him, thafe!

"And my head wasn't like a fish worm's, was it, Mary Doolin?" said Pettikins softly, with her eyes on

Mary's face. Marabel and Miss Reed looked at each other in bewilderment, and Uncle

George said: "I'm afraid she's crazy. She's talking about fish worms.

"Hear him, thin, for yerself!" cried Mary Doolin dramatically as there was a sudden outburst from the pantry, accompanied by violent raps.

"Say, let me out of here, can't you? Mr. Bumstead, Miss Marabel! Unlock the door!"

"Hear to his imperdence?" cried Mary Doolin, while Pettikins stood first on one foot and then on the other in her stient and ecstatic enjoyment of the excitement.

But Marabel sprang forward and shook Pettikins by the shoulder. "Elinor Lee Bumstead, you dreadful

child! Give me that key, quick!" Mary Doolin tremblingly produced it. saying, "Sure, Miss Marrybel, ye wouldn't be turnin' him loose on us

"Burglar, indeed!" exclaimed Marabel, with a very red face. She threw the pantry door wide, and the burglar stepped forth, fanning himself with

"How d'ye do?" he said. "It's warm in there." "Chenoweth!" exclaimed Uncle

George, with a shout of laughter. "How perfectly shameful!" cried Marabel. "But it was Pettikins. You

know, I warned you!"
"Mother av Moses!" exclaimed Mary Doolin, rushing to the kitchen, with her apron over her face.

"I thought you weren't coming," murmured Marabel to the burglar. "I took the wrong train and had to walk from the junction," said the burglar to Marabel. And then they all

looked for Pettikins, but she had disappeared. "The child is so sensitive that I am afraid she will cry herself sick over the mistake," said Miss Reed. So Uncle George went in search, prepared to dry Pettikins' floods of mortified tears.

He found her sitting behind a haystack, gazing speculatively into space. "Never mind, girlie," began Uncle George. "Accidents will happen in the best regulated"-"Uncle George," said Pettikins, turning upon him an absorbed gaze, "what

would he have done if he'd been a really burglar man? Please tell me, Uncle "Young lady," said her uncle, "are you aware that the gentleman whom

you locked up for an hour in that pantry is your sister's fiance?" 'What's flance?" said Pettikins. "The man your sister's going to mar-

"Oh!" There was silence for a second, then, "Uncle George"-she twisted a button of his coat around abstractedly-"do you know what he's got in his black bag?"

"Clothes most likely. Why?"

Pettikins gave a sigh of genuine disappointment. "The one who burgled McCree had a black bag with knives in it." she said wistfully. Uncle George leaned backward on the hay and laughed long and loud, while Pet-





"GIVE MR THAT KEY, QUICK!" tikins watched him uncomprehendingly. Then he arose and took Pettikins to be presented to her future brotherin-law in spite of the fact that Marabel looked disapprovingly at the calico dress and straw decorated hair.

"This is Miss Elinor Lee Bumstead." announced Uncle George, while Pettikins shook hands with the burglar. "I have heard that Pettikins is a unique character, and I can vouch for

her prompt action in emergency," said the burglar. In a moment Pettikins' small feet had flown to the kitchen. where Mary Doolin was taking a pan of biscuits from the oven. "Mary Doolin, Mary Doolin! What's neek carracker? Tell me, please,

Mary! But Mary Doolin exclaimed wrathfully: "Go 'long way wid ye for a bad child, Pettikins, wid yer stories about thaves an' robbers an' lockin' up a toine gintleman in the pantry, an' him yer sister's beau! I'm that ashamed I

could walk a mile wid peas in me

So Pettikins slipped around the side of the house and sat upon the porch steps in the early twilight, and presently Miss Reed's voice could be heard saying, "The child is so imaginative that she really performed a heroic ac-

And then a little figure crept out to where Uncle George sat smoking upon the grass, and two intense dark eyes looked through the dusk. "Uncle George," she whispered, "just

Hadley chanced to tell me one thing. What's a 'role acup curiously at the tall figure.



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PEOPLE TALKED

ABOUT

S ENATOR JOHN DANIEL of Virginia, who lost a love nassas and who was an ardent champion of Judge Parker at the Pemocratic national convention, is wit and a capital story teller. Har-

is the following to he senutor: A gentleman in the south was one day in conversation with a Yankee who had brought letters of introduction from a friend in the north, when it trans-

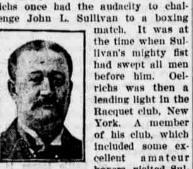
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SENATOR JOHN pired that the north-

erner was a veteran of the civil war. "Yes," said the Yankee, "I was a participant in the late unpleasantness. You see this?" he added, pointing to a scar in his face, "I got that at the second battle of Bull Run."

"How in the world did you get hit in the face at the battle of Bull Run?" mischievously asked the southerner. "Oh," responded the Yankee, with the utmost nonchalance, "I suppose I got careless and looked back

Hermann Oelrichs, famous as business man, clubman, athlete and sportsman, has won a reputation recently as a poet. Once Mr. Oelrichs was famous as "the handsome bachelor" of New York. Then he married Miss Tessle Fair, daughter of the California bonanza king, whose wedding trousseau was said to have cost the nest sum of \$100,000 Mr. Oelrichs is a prince of good fellows, and it was to entertain his associates in a California club that he wrote a revised version of the "House That Jack Built," in honor of the house building attainments of a fellow club member. He had the verses illustrated by an artist and sumptuously bound in vellum in a "limited edition" of 100 copies. Mr. Oelrichs' literary venture tive service Sir Cymade a great hit with his club friends. prian has occupied In his prime as an athlete Mr. Oelrichs once had the audacity to challenge John L. Sullivan to a boxing



York. A member of his club, which boxers, visited Sullivan and inform-

RICHS. ed him that one of their number wished to try conclusions with him at a private contest before a half dozen men. "Who's d' sucker?" mildly inquired

Sullivan. "Oelrichs," was the reply. Sullivan grew serious, "Oelrichs?" said he. "I hear he's good wid his hands." "Oh, so so," was the noncommittal

rejoinder. The strong boy thought long and deeply. Then the genius of common sense asserted sway over his mind. "Count me out," he said: "they ain't

nothin' in that game for me."

"Why?" "W'y? Cos if I lick him I on'y get couple er t'ousand cases, an' dat don't cut no figure wid me, an' it don't do me no good. An' if he licks me, w'y, I'm done, I'm a no good. Say, I'll fight anybody, but no gentlemen amachoors for yours truly, John L.

Arthur T. Hadley, the genial president of Yale university, always keeps on unusually good terms with the small boys of his neighbor-

hood. In his encounters with the little Yankees of New Haven the distinguished professor, however, sometimes comer off second best, says the New York Herald. Only the other day-and he tells the

story himself - Mr. LEY. pass a little urchin who turned to look

"Hello, boy!" called President Hadley. "What time is it by your nose?"
The little chap was ready for him. "Dunno," came the retort. "Mine

James Speyer, head of the New York banking house of Speyer & Co., has given financial circles something to talk about in his negotiations with the Mexican government, by which he has \$40,000,000 gold loan. The deal is re-

ain't runnin'. Is yours?"

financial leaders in New York. He is noted for his interest in art and in practical philanthroples, such as social settlements and ed ucational work among the poor. He and his wife gave Adams. Molineux's \$100,000 to the Teachers' college of Columbia university, with which a

model public school

its school system. Mr. Speyer has a ferent drug shops. beautiful residence, called Waldhelm. at Scarboro, on the Hudson, waich been handed back to Mr. Black from has a coloulal dining room with a the juryman who wanted to examine frieze in tapestry illustrating historical | them the ex-governor stood for a moas born in New York in 1861 and is the son of Gustavus Speyer, who in 1845, with his brother Philip, founded the banking District Attorney Osborne. business since conducted by the family. Mr. James Speyer is a director in the Pacific Mail Steamship company and the Southern Pacific Railway company. He is also connected with several other corporations and is a popular clubman.

Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge, K. C. B. appointed by Premier Balfour to conduct the investigation into the firing of the Russian fleet on British trawlers in the North sea, has been in Great Britain's navy fifty years, his last com mand being the China station. Since he

has been out of acseveral important admiralty posts. He is now a bluff veteran of threescore and five. During the Indian mutiny he

was with the Brit- ADMIRAL BRIDGE. ish squadron in the bay of Bengal, and he served with the leading light in the naval brigade in Burma. Of late years Racquet club, New he has been best known in British naval circles as an expert on ordnance. He became a rear admiral in 1892, a included some ex- vice admiral six years later and an cellent amateur admiral when he retired. Admiral Dewey, who is talked of as one of the International commissioners who are to North sea affair, is two years older than Admiral Bridge.

The oldest statue in the world, a marble image of Daddu, which was recently unearthed on the site of Babylon, is said to closely resemble Senator Chauncey M. Depew of New York. His term as junior senator will expire in March, 1905, and he is a candidate for re-election. He is in his seventy-first year and still loves a good story even when it is told at his own expense. A

new Depew story told by the New York Herald is an amusing variation of the ancient theme of the prophet in his own country. The senator, in great haste, had boarded a Forty-second street car to catch a train from the Grand Cen-

tral station. To his SENATOR DEPEW. embarrassment found himself without a penny of change. He sought the conductor, "I am Chauncey Depew," he explain-

ed. "I must catch a train in four minutes, and I haven't any fare." "That won't go here!" snarled the conductor. "I beg your pardon," was the good natured rejoinder. "Here's my card.

"Naw. Nothin' doin'." "But I am Senator Depew, If you will only"-"See here." said the conductor, "it facing similar danger.

Come to my office tomorrow, and I will

give you \$5."

won't work. I don't care if you're Chauncey Olcott, you've got to pay your fare on this car."

Ex-Governor Frank S. Black, who, without fee, will attempt to save from the scaffold Caleb Powers of Kentucky, the alleged murderer of Governor Goebel, is one of the cleverest lawyers in New York, an orator of national reputation and a wit. He is arranged to finance the new Mexican tall and gaunt, and his striking physique has often caused him to be garded as marking an epoch in interlikened to Abraham Lincoln. When national finance. Mr. Speyer is one of he was conducting his successful dethe most prominent of the younger fense of Roland B.

Molineux, accused of being a poisoner. several years ago. the state based its whole case upon the theory that cyanide of mercury-the polson with which Mrs. alleged victim, was killed-is a rare polson and cannot be

obtained except by FRANK S. BLACK. an experienced chemist. To refute this is being erected in Mr. Black produced six witnesses, connection with the each of whom displayed an ounce of college, to be conducted as a part of the stuff bought without trouble at dif-When the sixth of the bottles had

> "Well, governor, what are you going to do with them?" asked Assistant

Mr. Black looked quizzieally at his opponent and then down at the poison he held-enough to kill fifty persons. "I think," said Mr. Black, "I shall give them to the prosecution."

Commander Robert E. Peary is not tired of polar exploration yet. He is planning another

expedition north-

ward. The ship in

which he is to make

the voyage is al-

ready under con-

struction, and he ex-

pects to start about

the 1st of July, 1905.

Commander Peary

holds that, while his

previous expeditions

have not led to the



discovery of the R. E. PEARY. pole, they have been fruitful of much valuable information. Thus he is encouraged to keep on and hopes to achieve his ambition and find the goal so many before him have sought. The next expedition will fol-

## CHRISTMAS FAD.

low the so called American route.

Scheme of Gift Luncheons Introduced by a Philadelphia Debutante. Christmas gift luncheons are likely to be given to a large extent during weigh the evidence concerning the the next few weeks by society girls

who have adopted the new idea-or, rather, a return to the old-of making with their own hands the souvenirs they present to their dear 500 friends, says a writer in the New York Press. A Philadelphia debutante, Miss Rita Heberton, recently originated the gift luncheon, when she invited to the handsome home of the Craig Hebertons, in Walnut street, a dozen other inventive young women for an affair of that sort. Each guest was asked to contribute ten suggestions for Christmas novelties suitable for home manufacture.

The lists were numbered and read aloud without anything being said to betray their authorship. A bonbon ballot was cast for the string of suggestions best combining originality with practicability, and a dainty prize was given to the winner. Miss Heberton, as hostess, became the possessor of the hints, so she found herself with five score excellent ideas for boliday presents in addition to her own. Needless to say, each of the twelve friends will receive from the clever Ouaker City belle at least one of the gifts for which she indicated preference in her little list.

Apropos of the North sea incident a United States naval officer says that panics caused the United States blockading ships off Cuba "to fire at each other, at colliers, dispatch boats, torpedo bonts and at nothing at all." The terrible fate of the Maine was not speedily forgotten by those who were